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1. US Recognizes Peralta Government As Calm Atmosphere Prevails

With calm continuing to reign (except for reports of minor "guerrilla" activity in the Zacapa area which the Government claims to have put down) and the failure of threatened Communist and student disturbances to develop, the big event of the week was the US recognition of the Peralta regime. Our note extending recognition was handed to the Foreign Minister at 11. a.m. April 17 (noon Washington time), making the US the seventeenth nation to take such action, 9 American Republics and 8 others having previously done so. On receiving the note the Foreign Minister stated the GOG intended to return to constitutionality "as soon as possible". (OFFICIAL USE ONLY)

Comment: The Government had been anxiously awaiting US recognition, but in spite of several approaches had felt itself unable to accept our recommendations to make a public announcement of an intention to hold elections within a specific time period. It was agreed in the Council of Ministers, after long deliberation, that such an announcement would plunge the country immediately into intense, unsettling political activity. However, the Chief of Government, Colonel Enrique PERALTA, assured the Ambassador orally his administration was "temporary" and reiterated (he had so spoken to a newsman previously) that the GOG intended to convoke elections within two years. Guatemalans from various sectors have expressed to Embassy officers "gratitude" and relief that the US had recognized their Government. (CONFIDENTIAL)

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